

**Introduced by Senator Torres**

February 19, 2014

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An act to amend Sections 2436.5 and 2455.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians and surgeons, and making an appropriation therefor.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1116, as introduced, Torres. Physicians and surgeons.

Under existing law, the Medical Board of California licenses and regulates physicians and surgeons and imposes various fees on those licensees. Under existing law, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California licenses and regulates osteopathic physicians and surgeons and imposes various fees on those licensees. Existing law establishes the Medically Underserved Account for Physicians within the Health Professions Education Fund that is managed by the Health Professions Education Foundation and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. Under existing law, the primary purpose of the account is to fund the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program, which provides for the repayment of educational loans, as specified, obtained by a physician and surgeon who practices in a medically underserved area of the state, as defined. Under existing law, funds placed in the account for those purposes are continuously appropriated for the repayment of loans and may be used for any other authorized purpose. Physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons are eligible for the loan repayment program and the board assesses an additional \$25 license fee for purposes of the loan repayment program.

This bill would authorize a physician and surgeon and an osteopathic physician and surgeon to pay an additional \$75 to the board for those

purposes. By increasing the amount of revenue in a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2436.5 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 2436.5. (a) (1) In addition to the fees charged for the initial  
4 issuance or biennial renewal of a physician and surgeon's certificate  
5 pursuant to Section 2435, and at the time those fees are charged,  
6 the board shall charge each applicant or renewing licensee an  
7 additional twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee for the purposes of this  
8 section.

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10 (2) *The* twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee shall be paid at the time of  
11 application for initial licensure or biennial renewal and shall be  
12 due and payable along with the fee for the initial certificate or  
13 biennial renewal.

14 (3) *A physician and surgeon may pay an additional seventy-five*  
15 *dollars (\$75) to the board for the purposes of this section.*

16 (b) The board shall transfer all funds collected pursuant to this  
17 section, on a monthly basis, to the Medically Underserved Account  
18 for Physicians created by Section 128555 of the Health and Safety  
19 Code for the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan  
20 Repayment Program. Notwithstanding Section 128555 of the  
21 Health and Safety Code, these funds shall not be used to provide  
22 funding for the Physician Volunteer Program.

23 (c) Up to 15 percent of the funds collected pursuant to this  
24 section shall be dedicated to loan assistance for physicians and  
25 surgeons who agree to practice in geriatric care settings or settings  
26 that primarily serve adults over the age of 65 years or adults with  
27 disabilities. Priority consideration shall be given to those physicians  
28 and surgeons who are trained in, and practice, geriatrics and who  
29 can meet the cultural and linguistic needs and demands of diverse  
30 populations of older Californians.

31 SEC. 2. Section 2455.1 of the Business and Professions Code  
32 is amended to read:

1     2455.1. (a) In addition to the fees charged pursuant to Section  
2     2455, and at the time those fees are charged, the board shall charge  
3     each applicant for an original or reciprocity certificate or for a  
4     biennial license an additional twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee for the  
5     purposes of this section. This twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee shall be  
6     due and payable along with the fee for the original or reciprocity  
7     certificate or the biennial license.

8     ***(b) An osteopathic physician and surgeon may pay an additional***  
9     ***seventy-five dollars (\$75) to the board for the purposes of this***  
10    ***section.***

11    ~~(b)~~

12    ***(c)*** The board shall transfer all funds collected pursuant to this  
13    section, on a monthly basis, to the Medically Underserved Account  
14    for Physicians created by Section 128555 of the Health and Safety  
15    Code for the purposes of the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps  
16    Loan Repayment Program. Notwithstanding Section 128555 of  
17    the Health and Safety Code, these funds shall not be used to  
18    provide funding for the Physician Volunteer Program.